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NATIONAL REPORT

Following the legislative elections held last October Portugal is now a new Government from the Socialist Party with a parliamentary support of 2 other parties. The present Prime Minister is António Costa.

The current Minister of Health, Adalberto Campos Fernandes, is a physician with training in public health and extensive experience in management of several hospitals.

Among the various measures already taken, we highlight the creation of three national coordinations - for the reform of Primary Health Care, Hospitals and Continuing Care.

The Government's relations with the Portuguese Medical Association, are still at an early stage but we hope a fruitful dialogue and leading to overtaking many of the disputes that have opposed the Administration of Services and doctors, as well as the implementation of publicly announced measures.

At the moment, one of the main problems that we are discussing has to do with the specialized training of young doctors; according to some currents of opinion, Portugal already has more than enough doctors and the Portuguese Medical Association believes that the training capacities will be exhausted, so it is inevitable that not everyone can access to have training in the different specialties.

The Portuguese Medical Association and the two Unions (FNAM and SIM) continue with converging actions in key aspects of defending the interests of doctors.

One of the main issues is the negotiation of extra hours' value that was cut by the previous Government.